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Eight-year-old Breann Barrow (left) and seven-year-old Lillian Goombi, both of Holton, were among a handful of youngsters who spent Friday afternoon using their imaginations to create fantasy worlds with Lego blocks at Holton's Beck-Bookman Library. Photo by Brian Sanders

Sitzler helps 27 families

■ City-administered fund provides \$2,400 in assistance on utility bills

By Brian Sanders

A total of 27 Holton families received assistance with their city utility bills during the holiday season, thanks to an annual disbursement from a city-administered fund established more than a century ago.

Holton City Clerk Teresa Riley said a total of \$2,400 was distributed to those families from the Sitzler Fund, up from last year's disbursement of little more than \$1,000.

The fund, which is currently administered by Holton City Attorney Dennis White, was established in 1912 by the estate of Holton resident Louise Sitzler, who gave the city a sizable donation to be used to help "the poor" after her death that year. White estimated the original donation to be somewhere between \$15,000 and \$20,000.

Since then, the fund has grown through its investment in interest-bearing accounts and additional donations from private citizens.

The fund's last two major do-

nations, it was noted, came in May of 2009, when the Holton City Commission received memorial contributions of \$10,000 from the estate of Mildred Francis and more than \$32,000 from the estate of Charles "Shannon" Zibell.

Interest generated by the fund is used in annual disbursements, it was reported. At present, White said, the fund has a balance of \$141,282.68 that is used in generating interest.

Families who benefit from the fund receive credits on their utility bills, Riley said. Those families are nominated by members of the city commission prior to the holidays, it was noted.

White also noted that while interest income on the accounts that make up the fund have been declining in recent years, there was some "previously undistributed income that they didn't take last year" that was used to bring this year's total disbursement up to \$2,400.

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Purple Heart Profiles

Thomas fought, died at Okinawa

Editor's note: This is the 77th in a series of stories about past and present Jackson County residents who earned the Purple Heart Medal, which is awarded to military personnel wounded or killed in the line of duty.

The names of those profiled in these stories are among those placed on a special monument for Purple Heart Medal recipients now standing in Holton's Linscott Park.

In February of 1945, a handful of U.S. Marine Corps stormed the beaches of an island in the Japanese Volcano Islands known as Iwo Jima. Corporal Laverne E. Thomas of Jackson County, an acting squad leader with the Fourth Marine Division, was among those who set foot on the

eastern beach of the island. Thomas, however, was one of the more than 6,800 Allied

some of the fiercest and bloodiest fighting in the Pacific Theater.

He was born Feb. 3, 1927, the son of Charles and Lillian Thomas, and was attending Haskell Institute in Lawrence when war broke out. He enlisted in the Marines in the spring of 1943, at about the same time that his brother, Melvin, signed up for the Navy.

At the time of the Marines' amphibious invasion of Iwo Jima, Thomas was a rifle squad leader serving with Company F, Second Battalion of the 24th Marines in the Fourth Division under the command of Captain W.J. Ridion Jr. The company landed on the eastern beach of the island, Ridion recalled in a letter to Thomas' family.



troops who were killed in that decisive World War II battle that reportedly comprised

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Sandwich shop has new owner

By Ali Holcomb

As the new owner of the 5th Street Sandwich Shoppe on the north side of the Holton Town Square, Christa Merriman continues to offer a variety of gourmet sandwiches and breakfast items that the business is known for.

Merriman took over the shop, located at 126 W. 5th St., from Adam VanDonge on Dec. 1. VanDonge opened the business on the north side of the Square

in 2013 and recently opened a restaurant, The White Linen, in downtown Topeka.

"All it took was a 10-minute conversation at the bank and a five-minute conversation with my fiancé," Merriman said of the decision to buy the sandwich shop. "In about a week and a half, I bought it and took it over."

Merriman graduated from Holton High School in 2013. She worked at Pizza Hut while in high school, and more recently,

worked at Trails Cafe. She and her fiancé, Nathan Villalobos, have a two-year-old daughter, Taylynn.

"I love the sandwich shop and ate here a lot," she said. "I didn't want Holton to lose it. We don't have a lot of local places to eat."

Besides owning the sandwich shop, Merriman works as an EMT with Jackson County EMS.

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Christa Merriman, shown above, recently took over ownership of the 5th Street Sandwich Shoppe on the north side of Holton's Town Square from Adam VanDonge, who recently opened a restaurant in Topeka. Photo by Ali Holcomb

Courthouse ceilings inspected

By Ali Holcomb

As the calendar switches over to 2018, the Jackson County Commissioners are looking up — as they consider replacing light fixtures and ceiling tiles on the second floor of the Jackson County Courthouse.

The commissioners met on Friday last week due to the Christmas holiday and toured the offices on the second floor of the courthouse — county clerk, treasurer, appraiser and register

of deeds — with Chad Phillips, head Courthouse custodian.

Each of the four offices on the second floor have drop ceilings that were installed sometime between the late 1970s and the early 1980s, it was reported. The current tiles are made of fiberglass and are peeling in several areas.

Behind each drop ceiling, there are wires and, in some instances, pipes hidden between the drop ceiling and the original

ceiling.

Phillips said the worst ceiling is located in the treasurer's office.

"It's not spaced right, and the grid isn't square," Phillips said.

Phillips said that all the office tiles will need to be replaced with a suspended or drop ceiling in order to continue to hide wiring.

Commissioner Bill Elmer said

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2017 In Review: September through December summarized

The final four months of 2017 saw some major news happening in Jackson County, as it was reported by *The Holton Recorder*. This third installment in a three-part series on the year's happenings covers the months of September through December in the county.

September

Jacob Ewing was sentenced to 27 1/2 years in prison following a jury's guilty findings on 11 of 12 charges against him during his June trial. Later in the month, a plea deal was reached in the final two Jackson County District Court cases involving attempted rape and child pornography possession charges against Ewing, with sentencing set for November.

Fund-raising efforts for a new

"spray park" at Mayetta City Park got a boost during the 25th-annual Pioneer Day celebration in Mayetta. A committee devoted to raising funds for the spray park said they were halfway to their \$60,000 goal this month.

Two Netawaka teens were arrested in connection with the early August vandalism and theft that caused about \$65,000 in property damage at Wetmore Attendance Center and delayed the start of the school year there. Jarred Kramer and Jayme Tyler Hodge, both 18, were charged in Nemaha County with burglary, felony criminal damage to property and theft.

The Lucky Stars 4-H Club received permission from the Holton City Commission this month to place two beehives at

Prairie Lake's "pollinator area" at the south side of the lake near the dam if the club is chosen by the Kansas Honey Producers Association (KHPA) to receive a grant that would provide the club with the two hives, plus bees and necessary equipment.

Mayetta city water customers were placed under a boil water advisory by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment for two days this month after the city's water system reportedly lost pressure due to a scheduled valve repair. KDHE officials said the loss of pressure could result in a loss of chlorine residuals and create bacterial contamination.

The Jackson County Commission this month expressed interest in helping Tyson Foods find a possible location in the county

to build a \$320 million plant in Kansas after plans to build its poultry complex south of Tonganoxie in Leavenworth County was scrapped. But after reviewing the matter and suggesting the county may lack the infrastructure to support a plant, commissioners changed their minds.

The county commission this month also approved the county's 2018 budget as presented, which is funded by 76.836 mills, a .786 mill decrease from last year. With an increase in the county's assessed valuation, the county is expected to collect \$8,739,959 in local taxes, which is up \$335,410 from last year's total of \$8,404,549.

October

Enrollment numbers for grades pre-K through 12 are up

at Jackson Heights and Holton school districts for the 2017-18 school year while Royal Valley experienced a small decrease in students, it was reported. All three districts will see a jump in full-time equivalency (FTE) because kindergarten students are now counted as a full FTE instead of .5 FTE.

Holton Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary 1376 hosted National VFW President Dee Guillery at a special dinner during her two-day visit to Kansas this month.

The Jackson County Commis-

sion signed an architectural and structural engineering contract with Falk Architects of Topeka for construction of an observation tower at Banner Creek Reservoir. Commissioners announced that the Westar Energy Green Team has agreed to provide materials and building assistance for the tower at no cost.

The Holton/Jackson County Chamber of Commerce this month announced its Hall of Fame inductees for 2018, including Harry and Dale Coffman,

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TUESDAY'S FORECAST
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DISTRICT COURT NEWS

Traffic

Steven A.L. Balsler, Delia, driving while license cancelled, suspended or revoked, speeding, diversion.

Alicia Garcia-Soto, address not listed, speeding, operating a motor vehicle without a valid license, found guilty.

Frances Hekeka III, address not listed, improper safety belt or shoulder harness, \$153.

Angelina P. Hickman, Blanchard, Okla., no proof of insurance, \$498.

Mario F. Pascual, address not listed, operating a motor vehicle without a valid license, \$158.

Robert L. Pyle, Topeka, driving while license cancelled, suspended or revoked, \$309.

Abel Reynoso, Mayetta, speeding, license to be carried and exhibited upon demand, \$198.

Johnny Vazquez-Rodriguez, Topeka, registration violation, no proof of insurance, driving on left in no-passing zone, diversion.

Criminal Dispositions

State of Kansas vs. George Garcia, Wichita, possession of methamphetamine; sentenced to 16 months imprisonment and assessed court costs.

State of Kansas vs. Ian M. Steele, Holton, possession of methamphetamine; sentenced to 28 months imprisonment and assessed court costs.

State of Kansas vs. Lana R. Hewitt, Eskridge, possession of methamphetamine; sentenced to 15 months imprisonment, suspended; placed on 18 months probation and assessed court costs.

State of Kansas vs. Aaron J. Bellinghausen, Whiting, interference with law enforcement-falsely reporting a crime; fined \$100 plus court costs.

State of Kansas vs. Samantha K. Brown, Topeka, possession of marijuana, driving while license cancelled, suspended or revoked; sentenced to 12 months in jail, suspended; placed on 12 months probation and fined \$100

plus court costs.

State of Kansas vs. Lofia A. Daniels, Onaga, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia; sentenced to 60 days in jail, suspended; placed on six months probation and fined \$100 plus court costs.

State of Kansas vs. Joseph D. Keehn, Holton, criminal deprivation of property; sentenced to 30 days in jail, suspended; placed on six months probation and assessed court costs.

Filed
State of Kansas vs. Dustin J. Spooner, Holton, two counts of theft.

State of Kansas vs. Raymond Pace, Holton, domestic battery.

Civil Dispositions

In the matter of the name change of Norma Jean Baum, sought change of name to Norma Jean Marshall; granted.

Limited Civil Dispositions

Denison State Bank vs. Bailey C. Brown, sought judgment of \$705.03 plus interest and court costs; granted.

Envista Credit Union vs. Chance Hug, sought judgment of \$5,670.46 plus interest and court costs; dismissed.

Denison State Bank vs. Cassandra L. Harder, sought judgment of \$613.39 plus interest and court costs; granted.

Stormont-Vail HealthCare Inc. vs. Tamatha M. Hearn, sought judgment of \$1,272.82 plus interest and court costs; granted.

Hatcher Consultants Inc. vs. Bradley J. Heineken, sought judgment of \$158.08 plus interest and court costs; dismissed.

Manning Music Inc. vs. Kenneth Lasley, sought judgment of \$747.45 plus interest and court costs; dismissed.

Filed
Topeka Oral Surgery P.A. vs. Kenneth E. Raney, seeking judgment of \$259.23 plus interest and court costs.

Denison State Bank vs. Shannon N. Doppenberg, seeking judgment of \$212.19 plus interest and court costs.

Stormont-Vail Healthcare Inc. vs. John P. Barber Sr., seeking judgment of \$1,599.25 plus interest and court costs.

Domestic Dispositions

In the matter of the marriage of Brittany Hare and Bradley Hare, sought divorce; granted.

Filed
In the matter of the marriage of Dennis Ramage and Michelle Ramage, seeking divorce.

Purdy case issues to be resolved prior to trial

By Brian Sanders
Whether an alleged confession made by a Hoyt resident accused of sexual crimes involving a 3-year-old girl — and testimony from the girl herself — should be allowed in an upcoming trial will be decided later this month, Jackson County District Court Judge Norbert Marek said.

During a pre-trial motion hearing on Dec. 29 in district court for Theodore J. Purdy III, 27, Marek reviewed several motions made by Jackson County Attorney Shawna Miller and defense attorney Jason Belveal of Holton in advance of Purdy's three-day trial, set to begin Tuesday, Feb. 27.

Purdy has been charged with rape and aggravated indecent liberties with a child stemming from allegations of an incident or incidents that reportedly occurred between Sept. 1, 2016, and Oct. 14, 2016, with a child who was three years old at the time. He is currently free on \$80,000 bond.

Marek reserved judgment on two of the motions — a prosecutorial motion to determine the "witness availability" of the alleged victim and a defense motion to suppress statements reportedly made by Purdy while in law enforcement custody — until Thursday, Jan. 18.

According to court documents filed on Dec. 8, Belveal is seeking to suppress an alleged confession made by Purdy during a polygraph examination administered by Special Agent James Bridges of the Kansas Bureau of Investigation. In the motion, Belveal alleged that the alleged confession was not voluntary but coerced by law enforcement officers.

Miller asked Marek to deny the motion, filing a counter-motion alleging that Purdy had initially said an alleged incident that prompted the charges against him was accidental, then later retracted his statement and stated that what happened occurred "out of curiosity."

"As this case has developed, we're talking about 90 percent of the case being lodged on this confession," Marek said after noting that his ruling on the motion would come on Jan. 18. "Maybe that's an overestimation, I don't mean to make light of what the young lady said, but this is extremely powerful evidence that can have an extremely prejudicial effect in this matter."

Whether the "young lady" in question is fit to give her own testimony — as Marek noted, she was three years of age when the alleged incidents occurred and would take the witness stand as a 5-year-old — was the subject of Miller's motion to determine her "availability" as a witness.

The motion stated that there may be "multiple concerns and issues" regarding the child's "confrontation rights" and capability or lack thereof to testify in court due to her age and understand the oath she would have to take in order to testify. Miller sought a hearing prior to the trial to determine the child's availability, and Marek set the hearing for Jan. 18.

Other motions reviewed by Marek included defense motions seeking the barring of "any mention that defendant was offered a polygraph, took a polygraph or any interpretation of such test,"

seeking reports on any criminal history of prosecution witnesses and seeking an order barring any mention or suggestion by prosecution witnesses that Purdy was "untruthful or in any way dishonest or evasive in his interviews."

Belveal also filed a motion to have the alleged victim undergo psychiatric testing prior to trial. Marek denied that motion but granted the other three defense motions.

In other Jackson County District Court news:

- A preliminary status hearing for Holton resident Patrick W. Miller, 31, who is facing 18 charges including three counts of attempted capital murder in connection with a Dec. 3 armed standoff in Holton, has been continued to Thursday, Jan. 25 to allow a review of information related to the case by defense attorney J. Richard Lake of Holton.

Lake, noting that Assistant County Attorney Brian Yearout had presented him with a packet of information prior to a scheduled preliminary status hearing on Dec. 28, said there may be "some pieces missing" in the information and that he would need additional time to review it before scheduling a preliminary hearing in Patrick Miller's case.

Marek granted Lake time to review the information, adding that there will likely be "a lot of law enforcement officers testifying" at the preliminary hearing.

"I think it's going to take some time for you to go through," Marek told Lake. "It took me at least an hour to read the affidavits."

In addition to the capital murder charges, Patrick Miller has been charged with attempted first-degree murder, four counts of aggravated assault on law enforcement, aggravated assault, criminal discharge of a firearm at an occupied vehicle, criminal threat, six counts of endangerment and unlawful discharge of a firearm in a city in connection with the armed standoff. He remains at the Jackson County Detention Center on \$1 million bond.

- Arrestment for Topeka resident Randall E. Hartman, 30, on attempted first-degree murder and other charges stemming from an October incident has

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Accidents noted in county

The Jackson County Sheriff's Office has reported the following accidents, six of which involved deer crossing the road:

- At 2:47 a.m. on Oct. 29, Todd Wende, 28, Holton, was traveling west on Kansas Highway 16 near D Road when the front passenger wheel of his vehicle left the road and entered the ditch on the south side of the road. Wende's 2004 Jeep sustained damage to its front right bumper, quarter panel, hood and undercarriage that was listed at more than \$1,000. It was towed from the scene.

- At 9:09 p.m. on Nov. 2, Stephen Schroeter, 36, Raytown, Mo., was traveling south on U.S. Highway 75 near 142nd Road when his 2015 Chevrolet struck a deer in the road. Schroeter's vehicle sustained damage to its front bumper that was listed at more than \$1,000.

- At 6:10 p.m. on Nov. 8, Sherry Briner, 60, Topeka, was driving south on U.S. 75 near 198th Road when her vehicle struck a deer in the road. Briner's 2008 Mazda sustained damage to its front bumper, hood, front left quarter panel and right side that was listed at more than \$1,000. It was towed from the scene.

- At 6:54 p.m. on Nov. 10, Jamie Moser, 38, Holton, was traveling east on K-16 near R4 Lane when her 2008 Ford struck a deer in the road. Moser's Ford sustained damage to its front right bumper that was listed at more than \$1,000.

- At 5:40 a.m. on Nov. 11, Oscar Harris, 54, Topeka, was driving north on U.S. 75 near Banner Road when his vehicle struck a deer in the road. Harris' 2009 BMW sustained damage to its front left bumper that was listed

at more than \$1,000.

- At 6:30 p.m. on Nov. 15, Shanna Greemore, 27, Mayetta, was traveling north on U.S. 75 near 102nd Road when her vehicle struck a ladder in the road. Greemore's 2015 Dodge sustained damage to its front bumper and undercarriage that was listed at more than \$1,000.

- At 10:10 p.m. on Dec. 1, Colton Parthemer, 17, Frankfort, was traveling north on Q Road near 254th Road when a deer entered the road. Parthemer lost control of his vehicle attempting to avoid striking the deer.

Parthemer's 2006 Chevrolet left the east side of the road and damaged a fence and several fence posts before rolling. It came to rest on its driver's side.

The fence and posts were owned by Bruce Rinkes. Parthemer's entire vehicle was damaged and towed from the scene. He did not report any injuries.

- At 7:44 a.m. on Dec. 4, John Hewitt, 56, Valley Falls, was traveling on K-16 Highway near X Road when he lost control of his vehicle and entered a cut cornfield.

Hewitt's Ford sustained damage to its front bumper, undercarriage and front right quarter panel that was listed at more than \$1,000. It was towed from the scene, and Hewitt was transported by Jackson County EMS to Holton Community Hospital for treatment of injuries.

- At 8:07 p.m. on Dec. 5, Brandon Shaw, 36, Holton, was traveling south on W Road near 214th Road when his vehicle struck a deer in the road. Shaw's 2004 Cadillac sustained damage to its front bumper and hood that was listed at more than \$1,000.

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Wednesday	10	Partly sunny with late night rain/snow	High: 56 Low: 25 Precip: 40%
Thursday	11	AM snow, then mostly cloudy	High: 27 Low: 9 Precip: 40%
Friday	12	Mostly sunny	High: 29 Low: 9
Saturday	13	Partly sunny	High: 18 Low: 4

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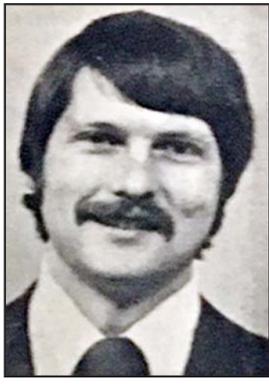
Week of Jan. 7-13, 2013

The view from Kansas Highway 9 looking west from Netawaka's eastern edge reveals a sizable amount of progress that's been made on the Zwonitzer Health and Fitness Facility, the home base of the Hornet's Nest Sports Club. The facility is due to be finished in June and ready for a possible grand opening in July.

Ogden's Outlaws Wrestling Club got its season off to a good start with 26 kids participating in the first Annual OOWC Novice tournament on Dec. 16, it was reported.

Jackson County EMS has expanded its services into Atchison County, it has been reported.

Holton resident Erich Campbell received his Holton City Commission oath of office on Monday, Jan. 7, from City Clerk Teresa Riley. Campbell was appointed by the commission to fill the unexpired term of former commissioner Janet Zwonitzer.



This week's "Blast From The Past" showcases a local man whose photo was included in an advertisement about his business. Can you name him? Call *The Recorder* at 364-3141 and be the first to correctly identify him, just as Anna Wilhelm was first to identify last week's "Blast From The Past" star, Edith Wilson.

Students sold tubs of cookie dough as an incentive to accompany the school's state assessment tests, and students who sold 25 or more tubs were treated to the limo ride and lunch. A total of 44 HMS students met the goal.

15 Years Ago

Week of Jan. 7-13, 2003

Kansas Wildlife and Parks has awarded a grant to Jackson County for extension of a hiking-biking trail, and creating three miles of trail with handicapped accessibility at Banner Creek Reservoir, it has been announced. Local school teacher Gary Keehn has spearheaded the drive to extend and improve the existing trail, most of which currently lies on the south side of the lake.

The trail will be 16 miles long, with three miles handicapped accessible. The project also includes interpretive signs, several "rest areas," four park-

ing areas, trail markers and sign boards with a map of the trail.

Holton native Mike Jensen, Kansas Pork Association president and CEO, was part of a recent agricultural trade mission to Cuba. Jensen and others were able to meet and have lunch with Cuban President Fidel Castro.

Twelve of the painted Christmas figurines stolen from the Holton Square between Dec. 27-29 have been recovered, according to Holton Area Chamber of Commerce Administrator Dianna Wilson. The painted, Victorian-style figures were apparently turned in sometime this weekend accompanied by a note saying where they were - placed near a rock pile at the Holton Street Department building.

25 Years Ago

Week of Jan. 7-13, 1993

Next week, Holton native Jim Seeley will travel to Holton from Brooklyn to visit his parents - Dr. Jim Seeley and Anita Seeley - and give a concert next Tuesday night, Jan. 12. Seeley has gained much experience playing in jazz groups since graduating from high school in 1978.

The first sheet of the new 29-cent Elvis Presley stamp was sold here by Holton's new postmaster, Susan Wallace, who will be sworn in later this month. About 500 images of Elvis were sold by Holton postal workers during the first five minutes they were on sale (sales began at noon on Friday, Jan. 8).

The face of the Jackson County Commission changed when two new commissioners took office on Monday, Jan. 11. Jerry Harter, Third District, and Dorothy Lewis, Second District, sat in chairs formerly occupied by Melvin Wells and Roger Coverdale. Henry Gerhardt will continue to serve as First District Commissioner over the next two years.

50 Years Ago

Week of Jan. 7-13, 1968

Two Holton-based construction firms doing highway and municipal work throughout Kansas have won recognition for their outstanding safety records in 1967, it has been reported. Anderson Company had only two lost-time accidents during the time period, and Grundeman Construction Company was accident-free.

Jim Gabehart, formerly of Topeka, has announced the opening of Jim's Radio & TV Service at 502 New York Ave. in Holton.

The Holton City Commission has announced two new appointments to the electrician's board and the plumbing board. Roy Bell has been named to the electrician's board, and Milton Drechsler has been named to the plumbing board.

Vance Motors, Inc. has announced an open house to be held this coming weekend to show the public of the Holton area its remodeled and redecorated showrooms. A new parts department has been added on the first floor of the building and paneling has been added to the walls.

Public Notice

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The Delaware Watershed Joint District No. 10 annual meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 25, 2018, 7:00 p.m. at Delaware Watershed Office, 125 West 4th Street on the South Side of the Square in Holton.

The five-year construction schedule will be reviewed and approved, the watershed depositories will be determined and a GAAP Waiver Resolution will be considered by the board. Four board positions are up for election. Those positions are in the North and South Cedar Creeks Sub Watershed, Grasshopper-Coal Creeks Sub Watershed, and Elk Creek Sub Watershed. The public is invited.

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Sam Anderson of the Schurle Sign Company of Riley, Kan., on Wednesday, Jan. 3, put the finishing support structures on the new Cecil K's Hometown Market sign. The new hometown market will be located in what used to be the Ron's IGA building located along U.S. Highway 75 in Holton.

Photo by David Powls

Conservation District schedules Jan. 25 local work group meeting

The Jackson County Conservation District board of supervisors will hold a Local Work Group meeting at 10 a.m. on Jan. 25 at the USDA Service Center, 307 Montana Ave., Holton.

Since May 1947, the Jackson County Conservation District has focused on locally led conservation efforts to identify and resolve natural resource conservation concerns. The district believes it is essential in promoting and developing the stewardship ethic where people help each other in local communities to enhance and conserve those resources today for future generations.

Purdy case...

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been postponed a second time, with defense attorney Lake informing the court that a plea deal is imminent.

Marek continued Hartman's hearing, originally set for Dec. 29, to Friday, Jan. 26. Hartman remains at the Jackson County Detention Center on \$300,000 bond.

Hartman has been charged with attempted first-degree murder, or in the alternative, aggravated battery, along with charges of aggravated battery, criminal threat and criminal damage to property stemming from a five-hour manhunt that began Oct. 29 and continued into the next day following an aggravated domestic battery call at a Holton residence.



The purpose of this meeting is to:

- Identify priority resource concerns in Jackson County. Identify targeted areas.
- Review the current conservation programs that are available (PowerPoint).
- Provide recommendations on conservation program, which include program cutoff and deadlines, allocation process, application screening, ranking criteria, eligible practices and payment schedule and scenarios.
- Review the current educational opportunities available to county residents and identify additional education and producers' training needs.
- Provide effective ways to communicate with producers.

The recommendations identified on local and state natural resource priorities and criteria for USDA conservation activities and programs will be provided to the NRCS Kansas Technical Committee. The Conservation District Board of Supervisors will also take the recommendations and focus efforts in their conservation programs and educational outreach activities.

Please RSVP by Jan. 23 if you plan to attend. If you need additional information concerning the Local Work Group meeting, please contact the Conservation District/NRCS office at (785) 364-3329, ext. 136 or stop by the USDA Service Center, 307 Montana Ave., Holton.

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10 Years Ago

Week of Jan. 7-13, 2008

Russell Riederer of Holton was named to the Kansas Shrine Bowl Hall of Fame over the weekend, it was reported.

Dr. Ross and Betty Moser are being honored as a team by the Holton/Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, which is inducting the Mosers into the Chamber's Hall of Fame. Between the two of them, the Mosers have more than a century of career and volunteer service to the people of Holton and the surrounding area.

The Royal Valley girls basketball team took control in the opening quarter and never looked back as the Panthers delivered head coach Gary Sorensen his 300th head coaching victory with a 39-30 win over Hiawatha on Friday, Jan. 4.

Students from Holton Middle School were treated to a limo ride to Buzzard's Pizza on Wednesday, Jan. 9, as a reward for their

Arrests made in county

The Jackson County Sheriff's Office has reported the following arrests:

■ On Dec. 28, Melanie Tucker, 35, Topeka, was arrested on a criminal warrant on a charge of failure to appear.

■ On Dec. 28, Bryan Thompson, 29, Topeka, was arrested on a criminal warrant on a charge of failure to appear.

■ On Dec. 28, Dustin Spooner, 33, Gorham, was arrested on two criminal warrants on charges of failure to appear. Spooner was also arrested on another criminal warrant on a felony charge of theft.

■ On Dec. 28, Trey Dunstan, 24, Topeka, was arrested on a criminal warrant on a charge of failure to appear.

■ On Dec. 29, Marilyn Smith, 58, Topeka, was arrested on charges of driving under the influence, transporting an open container and excessive tint on car.

■ On Dec. 30, Lacy Smith, 28, Whiting, was arrested on charges of possession of a stimulant, possession of marijuana and possession of illegal drug paraphernalia.

■ On Dec. 30, Dale Kelpin, 51, Topeka, was arrested on charges of driving while suspended, no liability insurance and illegal registration.

■ On Dec. 31, Cesar Sisimit-Pata, 30, Holton, was arrested

on charges of operating a motor vehicle without a valid license, no liability insurance and speeding.

■ On Dec. 31, Carrie Burns, 34, Topeka, was arrested on charges of possession of hallucinogenic drugs, possession of illegal drug paraphernalia and transporting an open container.

■ On Jan. 1, Kathryn Hazelwood, 21, Topeka, was arrested on charges of transporting an open container and operating a vehicle without a license.

■ On Jan. 2, Angela Cooney, 61, Topeka, was arrested on a charge of driving under the influence.

■ On Jan. 3, Christian Wakolee, 21, Horton, was arrested on charges of possession of a stimulant and possession of illegal drug paraphernalia.

■ On Jan. 3, Cierra Lopez, 21, Emporia, was arrested on a warrant from another jurisdiction and on charges of driving while suspended, driving while declared a habitual violator, no liability insurance, violating restrictions on driver's license, failing to wear a seat belt, felony possession of a hallucinogenic drug and possession of illegal drug paraphernalia.

■ On Jan. 3, Tarin Blalock, 22, Mayetta, was arrested on a criminal warrant on a probation violation charge.

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SCHMIDT: Read gift card fine print

By Derek Schmidt
Kansas Attorney General

Gift cards have become a popular way for givers to make sure the recipient gets something he or she wants.



If you unwrapped a gift card under your tree this year, now is your chance to choose your own perfect gift!

As you venture out to the stores or log on to your computer to spend that gift card, make sure you're aware of the fine print that comes with your gift. Here are some things to keep in mind:

- Under Kansas law, gift cards cannot expire for at least five years. If the gift card does

not have an expiration date printed on the card, then it is good until you redeem it, no matter how long that is.

- Merchants can begin charging inactivity fees against the card's balance 12 months after the card is issued. These fees are required to be printed on the card or the packaging it comes in.

- Pre-paid bank cards – the ones that are issued by a bank or credit card company, not by a specific store – can, and usually do, charge additional fees for purchasing the card, and on the balance.

- Be aware that even with legal protections in place, the value of a gift card may be lost if the store goes out of business before the card is used.

- You should also remember to keep unused gift cards in a

safe location. Treat them like cash. Unlike credit cards, if a gift card is lost or stolen, it can be difficult to prove the card belonged to you. Some retailers will allow you to register your card online, which protects the value of the card if something does happen.

If you happen to receive a card for a place you do not shop, it is unlikely that the retailer will let you exchange your card for cash. However, there are Web sites that allow you to sell or exchange your unwanted gift cards.

Use caution when dealing with these online sites to be sure you don't become a victim of fraud. You can also consider donating your unwanted gift cards to a local charity, especially cards for grocery, clothing or department stores.

PLAINS FOLK: Water witching difficult to explain, but it works

By Jim Hoy

Recently, since my retirement from the Center for Great Plains Studies at Emporia State University, I've been going through my files, deciding what to keep and what to toss.



In the process, I ran across some papers that students in my folklore classes had written back in the late 1980s or the 1990s.

One by Kathy Metsker from Augusta that caught my eye was entitled "Dowsing" and included not only a brief history of water witching but also her own experience in having a well witched.

For those few who might be unfamiliar with the profession (craft, skill, trade, gift?), a water witch is someone who can determine, by using a forked stick or a couple of L-shaped wire rods, where water is located underground (thus enabling a well driller to go about his work with someone else to blame if the hole is dry).

Below are some verbatim excerpts from Kathy's paper, with a few comments from me. Jo Simmons, by the way, was 75 years old when Kathy interviewed her.

Jo Simmons doesn't know

where she got her power. She just knows it works.

She has a theory that people born in October have the special gift, since she and other water witches she knows were born in October. She charges \$20 to \$25 to witch a well, depending on how far she has to drive. One guy offered her \$1,000 if she would witch a well for him in the Flint Hills.

"Water is as scarce up there as a hen's teeth," she said. (Jo turned down the opportunity because her well-drilling husband thought it would be pointless.)

She doesn't believe stories such as finding water by witching over a map, finding water without a divining rod, and knees that tremble while having a funny feeling in the stomach while passing over water.

She believes these stories are all myths.

"I've never felt water under my feet except when I was in the ocean," she said.

Jo and her husband Henry operated a water well drilling service in Andover. They had hired a water witch from Kechi to tell them where to drill.

One day she watched him for a while and decided she could do that herself. Out of 100 wells in a year, she only missed 3 of them.

During the drought of the 1950s, they once worked 27 days in a row, getting up at sunrise and home at dark. Jo uses [L-shaped] copper divining rods

that cross when she walks over water. She will use only one rod to find out which direction the vein of water flows.

Before building our home on the land that we had purchased, [we had] Mrs. Simmons witch for water on our land.

The well driller only drilled 18 feet and found a 3-foot vein of water. Before the driller left, he had to bottle some of the water for Jo because she likes to have a drink from every well that she witches.

I can't explain it, but I know from personal experience that it works.

I can't explain it either, but water witches have been plying their craft for centuries. More on that in my next column.

Note: Jim Hoy is a retired professor of English at Emporia State University.

Register of Deeds Office reports stats

The total number of documents filed with the Jackson County Register of Deeds Office in 2017 totaled 2,160, it was reported.

Last year, a total of 2,354 documents were filed with the Register of Deeds Office.

A total of 315 warranty deeds were filed in 2017, compared to 344 last year, it was reported.

Warranty deeds indicate land ownership changes.

Trustee's deeds filed in 2017 totaled 67, which was the exact total also filed in 2016.

Trustee's deeds also indicate land ownership changes.

Quit claim deeds filed in 2017 totaled 161, compared to 203 last year, it was reported.

Quit claim deeds also indicate

land ownership changes and are often used following divorce proceedings.

Transfer on death deeds filed in 2017 totaled 60, compared to 72 last year, it was reported.

Transfer on death deeds are filed when the interested parties seek to avoid probate proceedings.

Sheriff's deeds filed in 2017 totaled 20, compared to seven filed in 2016.

Sheriff's deeds occur after property owners lose possession of their property due to bankruptcy or other tax foreclosure issues.

Mortgage documents filed in 2017 totaled 410 and mortgage release documents totaled 411, compared to 474 mortgage doc-

uments filed in 2016 and 430 mortgage release documents filed.

Mortgage documents are filed to indicate that interested parties have obtained loans from financial institutions to purchase property.

Mortgage release documents are filed after interested parties have fulfilled their financial obligations to lenders and thus paid off their mortgage.

The Register of Deeds filed 128 different kinds of documents in 2017, it was reported, everything from affidavits of death, to right of way easements, to termination of leases, to release of liens.

Land transfers

The following land transfers have been filed with the Jackson County Register of Deeds Office.

*General warranty deed – Daymon DeVader and Kimberly DeVader, of Jackson County, to Lisa A. Russell and David Morgan, both single people, land in Section 9, Township 7 South, Range 15 East of the 6th P.M., Jackson County.

*Trustee's deed – Donald E. Wischmeier and Nancy D. Wischmeier, trustees of the trust in their names dated Jan. 25, 2016, of Jackson County, to Lisa A. Russell and David Morgan, both single people, a tract of land in Section 9, Township 7 South, Range 15 East of the 6th P.M., Jackson County.

*Kansas warranty deed – Brandon E. Mitchell and Heidi A. Mitchell, husband and wife, to Mark Carson and Tina Martin, as joint tenants, a tract of land in Section 13, Township 8 South, Range 15 East of the 6th P.M., Jackson County.

*General warranty deed – Elmer R. Ent and Rita A. Ent, husband and wife, of Jackson County, to Elizabeth Henderson, a single person, of Shawnee County, Lot 11 and the east 50 feet of Lot 12 in Block 2, Rosser Addition to the city of Holton, Jackson County.

*Corporation warranty deed – Atwater Ranch Company, Jackson County, to Eric Fritz and Debra Fritz, of Jackson County, 3.40 acres more or less in Section 27, Township 5 South, Range 15 East of the 6th P.M., Jackson County.

*General warranty deed – Bobby Ray Teter aka Robert Teter, a single person, of Cass County, Mo., and Billy Joe Teter aka William Teter, a single person, of Jackson County, to Kent Fernkopf, of Jackson County, 57.76 acres in Section 8, Township 6 South, Range 14 East of

the 6th P.M., Jackson County.

*Quit claim deed – Rex S. Stapel and Maria Stapel, husband and wife, of Jackson County, to the same as trustees of the trust in their names, dated Nov. 10, 2017, the north half of the southwest quarter and the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter, all in Section 32, Township 9 South, Range 16 East of the 6th P.M., Jackson County.

*Trustee's deed – Thomas Frederick (Rick) Bottle and Cindy Lynn Bottle, trustees of the trust in their names dated May 11, 2009, to Colette Ann Carson, trustee of the trust in her name dated Oct. 28, 1993, Lot 24 in Block 1, Rosser Addition to the city of Holton, Jackson County.

*General warranty deed – Kenneth Cook and Cynthia Cook, husband and wife, to Nicholas KP Brady and Michele A. Brady, as joint tenants, land in Section 25, Township 9 South, Range 15 East of the 6th P.M., Jackson County.

*Quit claim deed – Sidney C. Kinsler and Donna Kinsler, husband and wife, of Jackson County, to Donna Kinsler aka Donna S. Kinsler and Sidney C. Kinsler, trustee of the trust in their names dated Nov. 15, 2017, Lot 4, Elk Ridge Estates Subdivision in Section 34, Township 6 South, Range 15 East of the 6th P.M., Jackson County.

*Sheriff's deed – Sheriff of Jackson County to Quicken Loans, Inc., Detroit, Mich., Lots 38 and 40, Indiana Avenue, Drake and Fenn's Addition to the city of Holton, Jackson County.

*Quit claim deed – John D. Schafer, Jr., and Janet L. Schafer, husband and wife, of Jackson County, to Adam H. Schafer and Teresa E. Schafer, husband and wife, of Jackson County, land in Section 26, Township 7 South, Range 15 East of the 6th

P.M., Jackson County.

*Quit claim deed – Robert A. Kemper and Sue A. Riley aka Sue A. Kemper, husband and wife, to the same as trustees in the trust in their names dated Nov. 9, 2017, 20932 R4 Rd., Holton, one tract in Section 23, Township 7 South, Range 15 East; one tract in Section 33, Township 6 South, Range 15 East; and one tract in Section 31, Township 8 South, Range 14 East, all of the 6th P.M., Jackson County.

*Trustee's deed – Sheryl A. (Sherry) Burns, trustee of the Wade Miller Trust, dated Sept. 27, 1995, to David K. Hug, trustee of the trust in his name dated Sept. 27, 1995, the west half of the northeast quarter of Section 29, Township 7 South, Range 16 East of the 6th P.M., Jackson County.

*Trustee's deed – David K. Hug, trustee of the trust in his name dated Feb. 9, 2009, to Aaron L. Lutz and Cody E. Lutz, an undivided half interest, and Kenneth L. Utz and Charlotte A. Utz, an undivided half interest, land in the west half of the northeast quarter of Section 29, Township 7 South, Range 16 East of the 6th P.M., Jackson County.

*Kansas warranty deed – Donald L. Griffith and Shelby Lyming, husband and wife, to Kasey Rodvelt, Lot 4, Stoney Ridge Subdivision located in Section 10, Township 8 South, Range 15 East of the 6th P.M., Jackson County.

*Trustee's deed – Edwin O. Horn and Colleen S. Horn, co-trustees of the revocable trust in their names dated Nov. 14, 2008, to Randy LaBrecque and Dena Walrod-LaBrecque, as joint tenants, a tract of land in Section 21, Township 9 South, Range 16 East of the 6th P.M., Jackson County.

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County Commission...



Lester

Ella Marie Lester, 86, Kansas City, Mo., died Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2018 at Liberty Hospital in Liberty, Mo.

She was born July 27, 1931, in Holton, the daughter of Ray Ernest and Anna Bennett Simmons. She graduated from Soldier High School in 1950 and had lived in the Kansas City area since 1968.

Mrs. Lester was a homemaker. She married Robert E. Lester on April 15, 1950, in Holton. He died May 21, 2012. She was also preceded in death by a brother, Willis Simmons.

Survivors include four children, Dennis Lester and wife Nancy, Kansas City, Mo., Lois Roe and husband Roger, Ocean-side, Calif., Judy Bashlor and husband Tom, Claycomo, Mo., and Ron Lester, Independence, Mo.; a sister-in-law, Helen Simmons, Topeka; five grandchildren, Jess Bashlor, Celia Chalfant, James Roe, Kim Bashlor and Bryan Bashlor; and two great-grandchildren, Evan and Chase.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 10 at Mercer Funeral Home in Holton. Burial will follow in Olive Hill Cemetery. Family will greet friends from 10 a.m. until service time Wednesday.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, sent in care of Mercer Funeral Home, P.O. Box 270, Holton, KS 66436.

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Guideline for obituaries

When submitting obituaries to be printed in *The Recorder*, we request that obituaries be sent by the mortuary or funeral home handling the funeral arrangements. Have the mortuary or funeral home call us at (785) 364-3141 or email holtonrecorder@giantcomm.net for more information.

Moego
Lee Robert Moego, 79, of Holton, passed away Sunday, Jan. 7, 2018 in Holton, after a courageous battle with cancer, his family by his side.

He was born Sept. 13, 1938, in Topeka, the son of Cedric Carl Theodore and Wilma Virginia Maxine (Lane) Moego.

Lee graduated from Topeka High School in 1956 and attended Washburn University; earning his Associate's Degree in Industrial Manufacturing Engineering. He lived in the Holton area since 1984 and previously in Wabunsee County.

Lee worked for Balderson Inc. as an Industrial Engineer for 13 years and also he worked for Alamo Group in Holton. He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church and Holton Country Club.

Lee married Sally Sue (Bundy) Sutton on Sept. 26, 1982, in McFarland. She survives of the home.

Other survivors include a son, Kevin Moego (Deanna) of Paxico; a daughter, Elizabeth Flach (Paul) of Paxico; a sister, Virginia Chang (Ruu) of Wakarusa; eight grandchildren, Jason Zeller, Lindsey Zeller Strickland, Dean Moego, Kyle Moego, Kameron Moego, Alicia Flach, Chelsea Reyes and Armando Reyes; and five great-grandchildren, Jack and Ben Zeller, Ky and Aurora Murphy and Unique Gomez.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Nancy Jane Moego Zeller in 2004; a stepdaughter, Teresa Sutton Reyes in 2010; and a sister, Alicia Jane Donnelly.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 13 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Holton. Family will greet friends from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Friday at Mercer Funeral Home. Inurnment will be held in McFarland Cemetery at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to Trinity Lutheran Church or Heart of Jackson Humane Society, sent in care of Mercer Funeral Home, P.O. Box 270, Holton, KS 66436. To leave a special message for the family, please visit www.mercerfuneralhomes.com

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Sitzler Fund...

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The amount distributed this year marked a significant increase over the 2016 disbursement of \$1,027.65 and the 2015 disbursement of \$1,419.54. It was reported that 15 families benefited from fund disbursements in each of those two years.

In recent years, the Community Christmas Dinner and the Jackson County Ministerial Alliance Food Pantry have also benefited from fund disbursements, it was reported. Riley said that was not the case this past Christmas season, as Sitzler Fund disbursements were limited to "local accounts."

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the county has worked hard through the years to improve the appearance of the interior of the Courthouse and that, in his opinion, the drop ceilings "look cheap."

"If we have to have a false ceiling, we need to make it look like the original or use decorative tin or tile," Elmer said.

Both Commissioner Rob Laddner and Commissioner Janet Zwonitzer agreed.

Phillips also discussed options for replacing the lighting in the four offices as he would like to transition all the Courthouse lights to LED for more efficiency.

"The LEDs put out a lot of light compared to fluorescents," he said.

Phillips said that the county could use its current fixtures and just purchase new LED lights, which can come in tubes or bars, or the county could choose to replace the entire fixtures.

Phillips showed the commissioners a new LED fixture in one of the first floor bathrooms that is tightly sealed and is less than an inch thick.

Phillips said utilizing LED lights should also reduce the number of fixtures required to light each office.

Besides the second floor offices, Phillips said that the combined 80 fixtures at the health department and senior center will eventually need to be replaced as well.

The commissioners said they

were in favor of replacing the ceiling tiles and lights in one office on the second floor per year for the next four years and asked Phillips to continue to look into both ceiling and lighting options.

In addition, the commissioners agreed to move forward with looking into replacing the blinds in all four offices on the second floor in 2018. The blinds are expected to be replaced with pull-down screens, and Phillips and others are looking into various companies and options.

In other business on Dec. 29, the commission:

* Held a hearing for the amended 2017 budget. Each year, the commissioners hold the hearing for the funds, which are not collected through taxes, it was reported.

The commissioners approved the amended budget in order for administrators to use or transfer those funds.

* Wrote a letter to the Holton City Commission in support of keeping the tress around the Holton Square. In the letter, commissioners stated that they understood the challenges of maintaining the trees but said

they "provide a beautiful and natural aesthetic to the Square."

* Discussed a water quality meeting concerning Banner Creek Reservoir attended by Commissioner Rob Laddner. The meeting also included John Kennedy, Banner Creek Reservoir director, and members of the local National Resources Conservation Services.

Laddner said that due to a variety of nutrients, algae growth is up at the reservoir and when the reservoir opened, visitors could see clearly six feet down through the water and now it has reduced to three feet down.

It was recommended that the county look for solutions to reduce the amount of runoff into the reservoir, and the county and NRSC will work with landowners up stream and those who rent hay ground to make sure they aren't over fertilizing as well.

* Met with Dan Barnett, road and bridge department director, who reported that crew members were out Dec. 24 clearing snow and applying salt and sand.

The commissioners asked that daily mileage by road and bridge crewmembers be logged on their time sheets.

Three arrested on drug charges

Three men were arrested on various drug charges Saturday after a search warrant was issued at a Mayetta residence, Jackson County Sheriff Tim Morse said.

At 2:30 p.m. Saturday, the Jackson County Sheriff's Office served a search warrant at 205 E. Jones St. The warrant was issued as a result of a drug investigation conducted by the sheriff's office, it was reported.

Robert Neal Kirk, 54, of Topeka was arrested on charges of possession of methamphetamine

with intent to distribute and possession of illegal drug paraphernalia.

Darren Dale McManus, 51, of Hoyt was arrested on charges of possession of methamphetamine and possession of illegal drug paraphernalia.

Paul George Tuckwin, 53, of Mayetta was arrested on charges of possession of methamphetamine and possession of illegal drug paraphernalia.

All three were booked into the Jackson County Jail.

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 12. Succulent plants
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 22. Oklahoma's "Wheat Capital"
 23. The Golden State
 26. Merrymake
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 39. Tanzanian shilling
 42. Changed
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 47. South American mountain chain
 49. Jai __, sport
 50. Consumed
 51. Firm
 56. Pubs
 57. Leafy drink
 58. Cured
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 62. American spy Aldrich
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 64. Myanmar ethnic group

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 7. Secretion
 8. Special instance
 9. A handsome youth loved by Aphrodite
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 11. Israeli city
 13. Formed a theory
 17. Remove
 24. Type of light
 25. Repeats
 26. Certified public accountant
 27. River in eastern France
 28. Returned material authorization (abbr.)
 29. Special __: military group
 35. Ribonucleic acid
 36. Not even
 37. Power transmission belt
 38. Doctor of Education
 40. Type of nerve
 41. Types of tops
 42. Large primate
 43. Flooded, low-lying land
 44. Gritty
 45. Gets up
 47. Stake
 48. Not the most
 49. Swedish rock group
 52. Expresses pleasure
 53. Expression of boredom
 54. Queen of Sparta
 55. Where Adam and Eve were placed at the Creation

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SPORTS *Monday*

RV teams come up short vs. Jeff W.

■ Panthers travel to ACCHS next

By Ali Holcomb

Both the Royal Valley girls and boys varsity basketball teams came up short against Jeff West in a Big Seven League matchup at home on Friday.

The Panther boys fell 58-47 on Friday and drop to a 3-3 record in the league and are 3-4 overall. Jeff West is now 3-4 in league play and 3-5 overall.



Jeff West came out strong with 18 points in the first quarter, holding the Panthers to nine. The Tigers extended their lead in the second quarter and were up 29-16 at the half.

"We started off slow, and we weren't making good decisions early on," said RV head coach Keith Pelton. "We were rushing our shots."

RV rallied in the second half, and both teams had 12 points in the third, and the Panthers outscored the Tigers in the fourth, 19-17.

"We moved the ball more and put some more pressure on them," Pelton said. "We shot a lot more in the fourth quarter, but we had to at that point."

Jeff West sophomore Quinn Neuenswander led the Tigers with 27 points. RV's Masen Spoonhunter was the top scorer for the Panthers with 17 points.

The Tigers had more opportunities at the free throw line and made 21 out of 36 extra shots. The Panthers made 7 out of 14 attempted free throws.

"We'll learn from this game and move on and not let it define who we are," Pelton said.

The Panthers will travel to Effingham on Tuesday for a league matchup against ACCHS. Games begin at 4:30 p.m.

RV: 9-7-12-19 - 47
JW: 18-11-12-17 - 58.

Individual statistics:
RV: M. Spoonhunter 6 (1) 4-8 17, Knoxsah 5 (1) 0-1 11, Frisby 2 2-2 6, Shopteese 2 (1) 0-0 5, Hale 2 (1) 0-0 5, K. Spoonhunter 1 0-1 2, Neuner 0 1-2 1. Totals 18 (4) 7-14 47.

JW: Neuenswander 5 (3) 14-24 27, Broxterman 7 (2) 0-0 16, Unruh 2 2-4 6, Ellis 1 2-4 4, Thompson 1 1-2 3, Cruz 0 2-2 2. Totals 16 (5) 21-36 58.

The Royal Valley girls team lost 46-42 in overtime in a close battle with Jeff West.

The Lady Panthers opened with an 8-4 lead in the first quarter, but the Tigers responded in the second quarter and led 17-15 at the half.

Jeff West added nine points in the third quarter, and the Panthers added eight.

During the final regular eight minutes, Royal Valley exploded with 17 points to tie the game 40-40.

In overtime, the Lady Tigers managed six points while the Panthers were only able to add two points.

Seven players scored for the Panther, and the team was led by Tamo Thomas, who had 18 points.

At the free throw line, the Lady Tigers made five of 13 shots, and the Panthers made six of eight.

The Lady Panthers now have a 4-3 overall record and are 3-3 in the Big Seven League. The Lady Tigers are 5-2 in the league.

RV: 8-7-8-17-2 - 42
JW: 4-13-9-14-6 - 46

Individual statistics:
RV: T. Thomas 7 (2) 2-2 18, Broxterman 3 2-2 8, Jordan 2 (1) 0-0 5, Thompson 2 (1) 0-0 5, Albright 1 0-0 2, Ogden 1 0-0 2, K. Thomas 0 2-4 2. Totals 16 (4) 6-8 42.

JW: A. Negonsott 5 (1) 3-7 14, Murdie 6 (1) 0-2 13, J. Negonsott 3 (3) 1-2 10, Kahler 3 1-1 7, Holthaus 1 0-1 2. Totals 18 (5) 5-13 46.



Jackson Heights' Karley Dieckmann (left) and Makenzie Kennedy (right) in white jerseys teamed up to steal the ball from McLouth's Kimi Patterson in Friday's home game. Photo by Brian Sanders



The Cobras' Amaya Marlatt (14 in white jersey) went up for two in Friday's game while teammate Trinity McMahon (20) stood at the ready for a rebound. Photo by Brian Sanders



Jackson Heights senior Braden Dohl (42 in white jersey) went up for a layup against McLouth in Friday's game. Also in the shot at left is the Cobras' Lane Thomas. Photo by Brian Sanders

Wildcats whip visiting Atchison

■ HHS at Sabetha Tuesday

By David Powls

The Holton varsity girls basketball team improved to 7-1 overall and the Holton varsity boys basketball team evened its record at 4-4 overall with wins over the Atchison teams on Friday.

The Lady Wildcats, who won 51-22, led 35-12 at halftime and after three quarters led 48-18. The Wildcats forced the visitors into 29 turnovers in the game.

The loss dropped the Atchison girls to 1-5 overall.

Senior Shay Tanking led the Holton girls in scoring with 17 points. Senior Maleah Price also scored in double figures with 10. Junior Lauryn Moore had eight points and led the team in rebounds with seven.

"It took a while for us to get going, but when we did we had a huge second quarter," said HHS Head Coach Jon Holliday. "Our play was pretty solid throughout, Maleah Price had a big first half for us and again defensively we were solid throughout."

The Holton girls made 15 of 43 field goals and three of 10 three-pointers to shoot 34 percent from the field.

The Wildcats made 12 of 21 free throws for 57.1 percent, had 36 total rebounds, 16 deflections, 21 steals, 12 turnovers and six assists.

Atchison made 10 of 26 field goals and zero of four three-pointers to shoot 33.3 percent from the field.

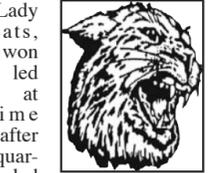
Atchison made two of seven free throws for 28.6 percent, had 24 total rebounds, seven steals and 29 turnovers.

Holton girls - 13-22-13-3 - 51

Atchison - 8-4-6-4 - 22

Holton - Bailey Flewelling 1 0-0 2, Shay Tanking 3 (3) 2-5 17, Sarah Lierz 0 2-4 2, Olivia Yingt 0 1-2 1, Danika Hickman 1 1-2 3, Saydee Tanking 2 2-2 6, Maleah Price 5 0-0 10, Lauryn Moore 2 4-6 8, Paige Crouch 1 0-0 2. Totals 15 (3) 12-21 - 51.

Atchison - Harris 1 0-0 2, Dougherty 1 0-0 2, Dowling 5 0-0 10, Elliott 2 0-3 4, Ross 1 2-3 4. Totals 10 2-6 22.



Holton senior Mason Chanay scored 24 points and pulled down 11 rebounds for his first double-double of the season to lead the Holton boys to their second straight win since the Christmas break, beating Atchison 49-36.

The Atchison boys' record dropped to 2-3 with the loss.

The lead changed six times in this game and was tied three different times. At one point, Atchison led by as many as seven points. Holton held a 15-point lead at one point.

"We had lots of positive contributions from different players," said HHS Head Coach Ryan Noel afterward. "Chanay is the obvious one, recording his first double-double of the season. (Mason) Strader shot the ball well and took high percentage shots. It was a good team win, especially being down four points at halftime and playing really well in the second half."

The Holton boys made 13 of 22 field goals and four of 16 three-pointers to shoot 44.7 percent from the field.

The Wildcats made 11 of 16 free throws, had 36 rebounds, 15 turnovers, 14 assists, two blocks and seven steals.

Atchison made 13 of 28 field goals and two of 14 three-pointers to shoot 35.7 percent from the field.

Atchison made four of six free throws, had 17 rebounds, 11 turnovers, eight assists and four steals.

Holton boys 8-8-18-15 - 49

Atchison boys 9-11-12-4 - 36
Holton - Trey Wright 1 0-0 2, Mason Strader 1 (4) 4-5 18, Mason Chanay 9 6-9 24, AJ Haussler 1 1-2 3, Zane Moylan 1 0-0 2. Totals 13 (4) 11-16 49.

Atchison - Shepard 1 (1) 0-0 5, Arnold 5 3-4 13, Bateman 1 (1) 0-0 5, Helms 6 1-2 13. Totals 13 (2) 4-6 36.

Tomorrow evening (Tuesday), the Wildcats will travel to Sabetha to tangle with the Bluejay teams in a Big Seven matchup.

The Holton girls are 6-1 in the Big Seven League while the Sabetha girls are 4-2 in the league and 5-3 overall.

The Holton boys are 3-4 in the league while the Sabetha boys are 4-2 in the league and 4-3 overall.

JH Cobras too much for Bulldogs

■ Jeff County North to visit Tuesday

By Brian Sanders

Jackson Heights High School's Cobra basketball teams returned from the holiday break on Friday to defeat the McLouth Bulldogs at home, keeping the Lady Cobras unbeaten and atop the Northeast Kansas League standings.

The varsity Lady Cobras made quick work of McLouth, their 50-28 win pushing their 2017-18 league record to 5-0 and their overall record to 6-0, while the Bulldogs remained winless in six league tries and seven overall tries on the season. But Lady Cobras Head Coach Dan Shupe said he and his team do not view Friday's victory as an easy win.

"They played with a lot of fight and really hustled after things," Coach Shupe said of the visiting Bulldogs. "We don't overlook anyone... We got them into our type of a game, made them make a bunch of turnovers and turned those into some easy buckets on the other end. And when you can do that, it makes you look good."

The Lady Cobras came roaring out of the gate in Friday's game, taking an early 17-8 first quarter lead, led by senior Abby Williams' eight-point run, and never looking back.

"It wasn't the cleanest game, but maybe you kind of expect that coming off of the break," Shupe said. "It was a good starting point coming back."

Freshman Amaya Marlatt led the Lady Cobras in scoring with 11 points, including three from the charity stripe, and sophomore Kylie Dohl posted 10, all from the field. Defensively, Shupe cited the work of junior Trinity McMahon.

"I mention Trinity a lot

because she spearheads the top of our press. She got a lot of deflections up front." He said. "And Karley Dieckmann and Makenzie Kennedy also did well coming off the bench. It's important to our team to have the depth they bring."

The Lady Cobras are looking to remain unbeaten against a Tuesday home match against Jefferson County North's Chargers, who remain tied with Valley Falls for second in the league after Friday's 51-23 win over Maur Hill-Mount Academy that boosted their record to 4-1 in the league and 5-1 overall.

"We're looking for some strategies to slow them down, because they're playing extremely well and they've got arguably the best player in the league," Shupe said, referring to JCN sophomore Josie Weishaar. "It's going to be a tough task for us."

Scoring
Jackson Heights 17-15-7-11 50

McLouth 8-4-8-8 28
Jackson Heights: Marlatt 4 3-5 11, Dohl 5 0-0 10, Williams 3 2-4 8, White 3 1-2 7, Brey 2 2-2 6, McMahon 1 2-4 4, Dieckmann 0 2-2 2, Kennedy 0 2-4 2. Totals 18 14-23 50.

McLouth: Funk 3 0-0 6, Pope 3 0-0 6, Weissenbach 3 0-0 6, Dice 1 (1) 0-0 3, Williams 0 3-4 3, Kuglin 1 0-0 2, Patterson 1 0-0 2. Totals 12 (1) 3-4 28.

JV: Jackson Heights 34, McLouth 14.

The varsity Cobra boys had a tougher time with McLouth, going into the fourth quarter down by three, then exploding for 19 points in the final frame to get a hard-won 57-50 win.

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PART II

THE YEAR IN LOCAL SPORTS

By David Powls

The top local sports news for the second half of 2017, as reported in the pages of The Holton Recorder, is summarized below.

*In June, Tavin Dugan and Justice Valdivia won the championship flight of the Holton Country Club's 36-hole member-guest gold tournament, shooting a 120. A total of 130 golfers - 65 teams - competed.

*The fourth annual Joe Tinker Day celebration was enjoyed at Muscotah on Saturday, July 29. Part of the celebration included an 1860s-style vintage baseball game.

*Jim Childs shot a hole-in-one at the Spring Creek Golf Course at Seneca in September at the course's 150-yard, par three, No. 11 hole.

*Thunder Hill Speedway of Mayetta, in September, announced its unofficial season points champions in four divisions. The champs will be honored over the winter at a banquet. Unofficially, Nicholas Ronnebaum of Onaga won the hobby stocks division, Steve Bowers Jr. of Topeka won the modifieds, Brian Murphy of Carbondale won the northern sport modifieds and Brandon Conkwright of Wamego won the stock cars.

*Holton grad Trent Tanking went from a walk-on for Kansas State University's football team to scholarship special teams player to starting inside linebacker for his senior season. Tanking was announced in October as a candidate for an Academic Heisman award.

*Also in September, the Wetmore High School football team won its first football game in a number of years with a 60-18 eight-man football win over Valley Falls. The Cards went 0-9 the previous season, its first season fielding its own football team since the 1980s, it was reported.

*Earning All-League Cross Country status for the Big Seven League this season were Royal Valley senior Katie Hanson (who placed 14th at the girls league meet), Royal Valley senior Garrett Hicks (who placed ninth at the league boys meet) and Holton freshman Hannah Ent (who placed ninth at the girls league meet).

Royal Valley's Hanshaw went on to qualify for the Class 3A State Cross Country Meet where she finished in 59th place. RV sophomore Nue Tinajero also qualified for the Class 3A State Cross Country Meet where he placed 52nd.

*The Jackson Heights girls cross country team won the Northeast Kansas League meet and the Jackson Heights boys took second at the NEK league meet.

Junior Faith Little won the girls individual league title for the third straight season. Freshman Shelby Phillips took second at league and senior Hannah Davault took third.

Also earning All-League

Cross Country honors by placing in the top 15 individually were Cobras Trinity McMahon and Skyla Howe.

On the boys side, Cobra Dalton Chartier led the team with an eighth place finish. Other Cobras earning All-League honors were Xavier Fritz, AJ Mock and Drew Holliday.

Little qualified for the Class 2A State Cross Country Meet by placing eighth at the regional meet. Two other Cobra girls qualified for state also. Freshman Shelby Phillips placed 12th at the regional meet and senior Hannah Davault placed 11th at the regional.

*The Holton High School girls golf team qualified for the Class 4A State Golf Meet by placing third at its regional meet as a team and also had two golfers - Taylor Stevens and Sarah Holaday place in the top five individually at the regional meet.

At state, the HHS girls placed 10th as a team while Stevens placed 29th individually, Faith Holaday placed 41st, Sarah Holaday 49th and Abigail Hundley 86th.

*The Holton Middle School 8A and 7A football teams both finished their seasons undefeated.

*The HHS volleyball team won its Class 4A-DII sub-state volleyball tournament, defeating Chapman and Marysville, to qualify for the state volleyball tournament for the first time since 2011, when the Wildcats qualified for Class 4A state.

At the state tourney, the Wildcats lost to Burlington and Nickerson but beat Frontenac. The team finished with a 24-19 overall record.

*The Royal Valley volleyball team took second place in the Big Seven League with a 13-3 record. It was the Panthers' best finish ever in the Big Seven, it was reported. Overall, the team posted a 23-12 record.

*The HHS football team qualified for the Class 4A-DII State Football Playoffs by beating Santa Fe Trail to be district runner-up. It marked the 20th straight season that the Wildcats have qualified for the state football playoffs with Brooks Barta as head football coach.

Holton went on to beat Baldwin 9-8 in the regional playoff game but then lost to Frontenac 55-21 in the next playoff round.

*The Jackson Heights football team also qualified for the Class 2A State Football Playoffs by beating Centralia 32-14 to be district runner-up.

The Cobras tangled with the Jeff County North team in regional play. Both teams (JH 5-0 and Jeff North 6-0) had been undefeated in the Northeast Kansas League this season but had not played each other. Jeff North went on to win the regional playoff game.

*Julie Bahret of Soldier won The Recorder's 2017 football pick 'em contest picking the winners of 129 games.

*In November, KSU football player Trent Tanking was named

a finalist for the Burlsworth Trophy, which honors the most outstanding college football player who started as a walk-on like former Arkansas football player Brandon Burlsworth.

*Three Jackson Heights Cobra volleyball players received Northeast Kansas League honors. Freshman Kylie Dohl and senior Abby Williams were named All-League while junior Karley Dieckman was named Honorable Mention.

*Two Royal Valley volleyball players were named All-League in the Big Seven. Those two were Ivy Fink and Mary Broxterman.

*Four HHS volleyball players were named All-League in the Big Seven. Those four were Regan Baum, Shay Tanking, Tabor Barta and Josie Marriott.

*Four Royal Valley football players received All-League honors in the Big Seven. Those four were Blake Chance, Dillon Smith, Doran Rupnicki and Komes Spoonhunter.

*Jackson Heights football players honored as All-League in the Northeast Kansas League included Taylor Wamego, Kolby Rethman, Cooper Williams, Braden Dohl, Brady Holliday, Sebastian Butto, Conlan Bruggeman, Austin Mock, Tyler Wendorff, Carson Williams and Garrett Hartman.

*Holton football players named Big Seven All-League were AJ Haussler, Kyle Tannahill, Dylan Aeschliman, Clay Baumgartner, Richard Aguire, Mason Strader and Austin Rollett.

*The Holton Recorder's All-County Cross Country Team included Hanshaw, Chloe Richter, Tinajero and Hicks from Royal Valley; Ent, Wyatt Marriott and Cutter White from Holton; and Hill, Phillips, Davault, Trinity McMahon, Skyla Howe, Dalton Chartier, Xavier Fritz, AJ Mock, Drew Holliday and Kolten Brenner of Jackson Heights.

*The Holton Recorder's All-County Football Team included Haussler, Rollett, Aeschliman, Baumgartner, Tannahill, Strader and Aguire of Holton; Chance, Smith, Rupnicki and Spoonhunter of Royal Valley and Mock, Holliday, Carson Williams, Cooper Williams and Rethman of Jackson Heights.

*Area prep football players receiving All-State accolades included Holton's Aeschliman, Tannahill, Baumgartner, Haussler and Strader and Jackson Heights' Holliday, Carson Williams and Kolby Rethman.



Jackson Heights' Brady Holliday (No. 12 in white jersey above) looks for a teammate to pass to in the McLouth game. Holliday had three rebounds in the game.

Photo by Brian Sanders

■ Cobras beat Bulldogs

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Friday's win put the Cobras' NEK league record at 4-1, keeping them in third place, and their overall record at 5-1, while the Bulldogs, currently fourth in the league, fell to 3-3 against league teams and 3-4 overall.

"McLouth is good - by far, they're the most improved team in our league," Cobras Head Coach Chris Brown said of Friday's game. "They definitely gave us everything we wanted."

Brown said the Cobras' toughest challenge on Friday was keeping up with McLouth junior Garrison Pope, who went on a 17-point first-half spree that led the Bulldogs to a 32-29 intermission lead. But the Cobras had their own scoring machine in senior Braden Dohl, who posted 14 points in the first half.

"It was really back and forth for most of the half," Brown said. "They just really went on a run in the second quarter, and that made things easier for them."

After playing "pretty evenly" in the third quarter, as Brown put it, the Cobras' 19-point fourth-quarter run gave them plenty of momentum to get the win.

"We came out and played really well," he said. "We made the shots and the free throws, and we got a lot of stops on defense."

The most important defensive "stop" of the second half, however, involved the work of sophomore Cooper Williams and junior Kolby Rethman in keeping Pope down.

"We just could not stop him in the first half," Brown said of Pope. "But we held him to three points in the second half, and

that was huge for us. Those two (Rethman and Williams) did a great job on him."

Dohl led the scoring for the Cobras with 24 points, going four for four from the charity stripe, and junior Lane Thomas also contributed 13 points. Pope's 20-point total was the best on the Bulldogs' side, including four from behind the three-point arc.

Defensively, Brown noted the team's collective work in rebounding, led by Dohl with 11, junior Levi Olberding with six, Thomas with four and senior Brady Holliday with three. Olberding also contributed four assists on the night.

On Tuesday, the Cobras will host Jefferson County North, which remains unbeaten (5-0 NEK league, 6-0 overall) after a tough 56-53 win against Maur Hill on Friday.

"We'll definitely have to play our best game of the year," Brown said. "But I think we can do it. The boys are definitely confident, and they love going out against JCN."

Scoring
Jackson Heights 16-13-9-19
57

McLouth 13-19-9-9-50
Jackson Heights: Dohl 10 4-4 24, Thomas 4 5-6 13, Olberding 3 (2) 0-0 8, Holliday 2 (1) 2-3 7, Rethman 1 (1) 2-6 5. Totals 20 (4) 13-19 57.

McLouth: G. Pope 6 (4) 4-4 20, Willits 6 1-3 13, J. Pope 4 2-2 10, Carlton 1 (1) 0-0 3, Barfield 1 0-0 2, Robbins 1 0-0 2. Totals 19 (5) 7-9 50.

JV: Jackson Heights 50, McLouth 23.

After Basehor dual, Holton wrestlers head to Newton

By Michael Powls

On Friday, The Holton Wildcat varsity wrestling team traveled to Basehor-Linwood for a dual.

Basehor-Linwood defeated Holton 35-31.

The Cats will be back in action on Friday, Jan. 12 and Saturday, Jan. 13 at Newton.

Basehor-Linwood (BAL) 35.00 Holton (HOLT) 31.00

106: Dawson Lamberd (BAL) over Jake Barnes (HOLT) (MD 10-2).

113: Drake Parkinson (BAL) over Jeffrey Sisson (HOLT) (Fall 1:23).

120: Taygen Fletcher (HOLT) over (BAL) (For.).

126: Kolby Roush (HOLT) over Zachary Radefeld (BAL) (Fall 3:06).

132: Conner Gilliland (HOLT) over (BAL) (For.).

138: Double Forfeit.

145: Kaden Jacobson (BAL) over Lawson Henry (HOLT) (Dec 9-6).

152: Justin Gallup (BAL) over Cael Jackson (HOLT) (Fall 4:00).

160: Josh Willcutt (BAL) over Ace Eisenbarth (HOLT) (Fall 1:58).

170: Jon Trowbridge (BAL) over Dylan Aeschliman (HOLT) (MD 12-3).

182: TJ Williams (BAL) over Connor Tannahill (HOLT) (Fall 1:47).

195: Killian O'Connor (HOLT) over Hunter Parish (BAL) (Dec 8-3).

220: Austin Rollett (HOLT) over (BAL) (For.).

285: Kyler Tannahill (HOLT) over Victor Bejarano (BAL) (Fall 0:38).

(HOLT Unsportsmanlike Conduct -1.00) (HOLT Unsportsmanlike Conduct -1.00).

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- TUESDAY, JAN. 9:** HHS Boys/Girls Basketball vs. Sabetha - 4:30 p.m. @ Sabetha; JHHS Boys/Girls Basketball vs. Jeff. Co. North - 5 p.m. @ Jackson Hts.; RVHS Boys/Girls Basketball vs. ACCHS - 4:30 p.m. @ Effingham
- THURSDAY, JAN. 11:** RVHS Wrestling vs. Eudora/Silver Lake - Senior Night - 5:30 p.m. @ Hoyt
- FRIDAY, JAN. 12:** HHS Boys/Girls Basketball vs. Hiawatha (Cattitude) - 4:30 p.m. @ Holton; HHS Boys Wrestling (V) vs. Newton - 9 a.m. @ Newton; JHHS Boys/Girls Basketball vs. Horton - 5 p.m. @ Horton; RVHS Boys/Girls Basketball vs. Sabetha - 4:30 p.m. @ Sabetha
- SATURDAY, JAN. 13:** HHS Wrestling (V) vs. Newton - 9 a.m. @ Newton; HHS Wrestling (JV) - 9 a.m. @ Topeka; RVHS Wrestling - St. Marys Dual Tournament - 9 a.m. @ St. Marys
- MONDAY, JAN. 15:** HHS Boys Basketball - Mid-Season Varsity Tournament - @ Tonganozie; HHS Girls Basketball - Mid-Season Varsity Tournament - @ Basehor; RVHS Girls Basketball vs. Hiawatha - 4:30 p.m. @ Hoyt
- TUESDAY, JAN. 16:** HHS Boys Basketball - Mid-Season Varsity Tournament - @ Tonganozie; HHS Girls Basketball - Mid-Season Varsity Tournament - @ Basehor; JHHS Boys/Girls Basketball - Nemaha Central Tournament - @ Seneca

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ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Holton senior Mason Chanay scored 24 points and pulled down 11 rebounds in the Wildcats' 49-36 win over Atchison here Friday night.

Jackson Heights senior Braden Dohl had a good night on Friday against McLouth, scoring 24 points and getting 11 rebounds in the Cobras' 57-50 win.

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As part of its community giving program, which benefits local non-profit organizations, Banner Creek, LLC, recently presented \$10,000 to the Holton Evangel United Methodist Church. Those shown in the photo above are (from left) Pastor Hector Sanchez, Santiago Reveles (church member and Banner Creek employee) and Pastor Kelly Sipes.

Photo by Brian Sanders

County purchases new rubber tire roller

By Ali Holcomb

A new rubber tire roller was purchased recently for the Jackson County Road and Bridge Department at a cost of \$53,886, it was reported.

During the Dec. 18 Jackson County Commission meeting, Dan Barnett, road and bridge director, presented two bids for a pneumatic (rubber tire) roller. Prior to the purchase, the county did not own a roller but rented one each year, it was reported.

A pneumatic roller is used to compact materials to create a better road surface.

The commissioners accepted the low bid of \$53,886 from Victor L. Phillips of Topeka for a Dynapac

CP1200 roller.

Foley Equipment of Topeka submitted a bid of \$75,350 for a Caterpillar CW14 pneumatic roller.

In other business, according to the approved minutes from the meeting, the commission:

* Learned from Jackson County Appraiser Jason Claycamp that Kate Immenschuh, deputy appraiser, is scheduled to take three appraisal classes. County Counselor Alex Morrissey was requested to draw up a contract for services between Immenschuh and the county.

* Heard a report on the Jackson County Tourism Council from Anna Wilhelm. The commissioners

approved various council expenditures. Wilhelm reported that, so far in 2017, \$8,010 worth of lodging coupons had been redeemed in the county.

* Met in executive session for 10 minutes to discuss a personnel matter. No action was taken back in open session.

* Heard a weekly report from John Kennedy, Banner Creek Reservoir director.

* Met in executive session for 10 minutes to discuss a personnel matter with Kennedy. No action was taken back in open session.

* Received a phone call from Mayetta Mayor Jonathon Wimer thanking the county for its pledge of \$8,000 for the spray park. He

Kientz Corner

By Beverly Ramey Newell

On Dec. 24, the Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church congregation opened its worship service by singing "He Is Born." Brian and Gayle Smith lighted all the Advent candles and the Christ candle.

At 5 p.m. on Jan. 13, there will be a chili feed and silent auction.

The concerns were prayers for Pastor Jin's father and the family of Bob Bingham.

The birthdays for Dec. 24 through Dec. 30: Gladys Law and Gayle Smith, Dec. 24; Mary Hudson, Dec. 25; Karla Savoie, Dec. 26; Dick Newell, Dec. 27; and Jill Schreiner, Dec. 29.

For special music, Ella Caudill sang "Mary, Did You Know?" Mary Smith accompanied her on the piano.

The children's story was given by Kevin McDowell. God told Mary to name her son Jesus. The name Jesus means "the Lord saves." Jesus saves us from our sins. There is salvation in the

name of Jesus.

Billie Winsor read the scripture Luke 1:26-38.

The sermon "Mary, Did You Know?" was given by the Rev. Hyun-Jin Cho. This Christmas asked 17 questions about Jesus.

Mary did not know many things about her son Jesus. Do you think Mary wished God had chosen another woman to give birth to God's child?

Mary did not know what was in store for her. Mary did believe in God. God did tell Mary that her son would be a great man. We must remember that God is with us today, tomorrow and always.

The communion elements were served by Pastor Jin, Linda Smith, Kevin and Annie McDowell and Brian and Gayle Smith.

The closing hymn was "What Child Is This?" Those assist-

ing with the service were Billie Winsor, liturgist; Greg Baldwin, organist; Joy Jepson and Deb Mannell, sound system; Megan and Molly Strobel, acolyte; John Wilson, song leader; and Daryl Jepson, Gary Slimmer and John and Linda Reed, usher team.

On Dec. 25, Christmas Day, Dick and Beverly Newell hosted their family dinner. Those present were Brian, Jill, Logan and Dylan Dierking from Forth Worth, Texas; Kenny, Yvonne, Audrey and Cara Etzel; Chris Farmer; Sean and Kylene Frost; Brent and Jessica Newell; Rusty and Monica Newell; and Ryan, Amanda, Mackensie, Maddie and Maycie Newell.

On Dec. 19, Rosalie and Richard Lassiter hosted an early Christmas lunch. Those present were Diana and Doug Keith, Ted Hubach, Dick and Beverly Newell and June Schlodder.

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Not all ice melters are created equally

By David G. Hallauer

Meadowlark Extension

No one is all that interested in a chemical de-icer - until they're slipping around on the ice. At that point, they are very important to personal and often public safety as well. The five main materials that are used as chemical de-icers are calcium chloride, sodium chloride (table salt), potassium chloride, urea and calcium magnesium acetate - aren't all created equal.

Calcium chloride is the traditional ice-melting product. Though it will melt ice to about -25 degrees F, it will form slip-

pery, slimy surfaces on concrete and other hard surfaces. Plants are not likely to be harmed unless excessive amounts are used.

Rock salt is sodium chloride and is the least expensive material available. It is effective to approximately 12 degrees F, but can damage soils, plants and metals. Potassium chloride can also cause serious plant injury when washed or splashed on foliage. Both calcium chloride and potassium chloride can damage roots of plants.

Urea (carbonyl diamide) is a fertilizer that is sometimes used

to melt ice. Though it is only about 10 percent as corrosive as sodium chloride, it can contaminate ground and surface water with nitrates. Urea is effective to about 21 degrees F.

Calcium magnesium acetate (CMA), a newer product, is made from dolomitic limestone and acetic acid (the principal compound of vinegar). CMA works differently than the other materials in that it does not form a brine like salt but rather helps prevent snow particles from sticking to each other or the road surface. It has little effect on plant growth or

concrete surfaces.

Performance decreases below 20 degrees F.

In short, different products have different use limits and damage potential. While limited use of any of these products should cause little injury, problems can occur when they are used excessively and there is not adequate rainfall to wash or leach the material from the area.

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Hammersmith Mfg. & Sales is accepting applications for the following position at our Holton facility:

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Apply at: Hickory Pointe Care and Rehab
700 Cherokee Street, Oskaloosa, KS 66066
Please contact Jim Mercier, administrator
Phone 785-863-2108 or Fax resume to 785-863-2735

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The Holton Clinic, a department of Community Health-Care System (CHCS), is seeking a compassionate individual with outstanding communications and customer services skills to work for us as a RN/LPN. This is a 34-hour/week position with the following schedule Tuesday 8 a.m.-4 p.m.; Wednesday 8 a.m.-7 p.m.; Thursday 8 a.m.-2 p.m. and Friday 8 a.m.-6 p.m. CHCS offers a complete benefits package and competitive salary. For more information and to apply go to www.chcsks.org and click on "Careers" or contact Human Resources at 785-889-5030. EOE

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES TECH

The St. Marys Manor, a department of Community Health-Care System (CHCS), is seeking an individual with a strong work ethic and a compassion for the elderly, to work for us as an Environmental Services Tech. CHCS offers a complete benefits package and competitive salary. For more information and to apply go to www.chcsks.org and click on "Careers" or contact Human Resources at 785-889-5026. EOE

No Trespassing

TRESPASSING WITHOUT permission. Notice is hereby given by the undersigned residents of Jackson County that hunting, fishing, trapping, or shooting, or trespassing day or night is positively forbidden on all land owned, or rented or occupied by us, or on roads adjacent to lands at any time of the year, licenses or no licenses. April 1, 2017-2018. Phil and Colene Gutierrez, Roger Ackeret, Jay Gilliland, BFD Inc., Joseph B. Nick, Harold Knouff, and Joyce DeVader.

Crossword Answers

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2017 In Review...

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Ellen Durst, David and Ellen Schirmer, Mary Schultz and Bruce and Jennifer Shaw. Inductees will be honored at the Chamber's annual Hall of Fame dinner in February.

During his visit to the Jackson County Courthouse, Kansas State Treasurer Jake LaTurner oversaw the return of more than \$7,400 in cash and property to county residents from the state's Unclaimed Property program. More than \$100,000 in cash and property has been returned to county residents in the past two years.

As middle school students, Royal Valley's Luke Boyden, Colin Everts and Colin Caviness created "Emma Cushman: A Light In The Darkness," a documentary about an American nurse and missionary who saved the lives of thousands of Armenian children. The film was selected as the winner in the middle school division of the MY HERO International Film Festival, it was announced this month.

Jackson County is one of 31 Kansas county governments that is debt-free, according to a bonded indebtedness report recently released by Jake LaTurner, Kansas State Treasurer. LaTurner presented the report to the county commission, showing that the county continues to remain debt-free since paying off all its indebtedness in November 2013.

Randall E. Hartman Jr. of Topeka was charged with attempted first-degree murder after a late night manhunt that had local law enforcement officers advising Holton residents to lock their doors and stay inside. Hartman was captured about five hours after Holton police received a report

of an alleged aggravated domestic battery incident.

November

Former Royal Valley teacher Nathan McAllister unseated USD 337 school board member Jeff Stithem in this month's general election that, for the most part, saw incumbents on municipal and school boards retaining their seats. In some cases, it was noted, write-in candidates won elections for city council positions in the county.

Recent Jackson Heights High School graduate John Kennedy took second in the nation in extemporaneous speaking and Holton sophomore Cailin Parks finished high in the FFA creed speaking leadership development event at the 90th National FFA Convention and Expo, where chapters from all three Jackson County schools earned national recognition.

Those who donate to Holton Community Hospital's proposed emergency room and inpatient care expansion and remodeling project are eligible to receive a state tax credit. HCH and the hospital's foundation were awarded a tax credit application to sell \$213,000 in state income tax credits to those who donate to the project.

Jacob Ewing received an additional prison sentence of more than seven and a half years in the wake of a plea deal made in October, bringing his total sentence to 35 years on a total of 13 criminal charges stemming from alleged incidents occurring between 2014 and 2016.

Jackson County has entered into an agreement with Doniphan County to dispose of that county's household hazardous waste. Commissioners agreed to a contract

that charges Doniphan County based on the amount of waste that needs to be disposed of at the Jackson County household hazardous waste facility, it was reported.

Three members of a Sabetha family died and a fourth was injured in a head-on collision on U.S. Highway 75 north of Netawaka on Nov. 25. Carmen Ukele, daughter Marlee and brother-in-law Stephen Ukele died in the crash and Lee Ukele, Carmen's husband, was severely injured when their van collided with a car that was attempting to pass another vehicle on the two-lane highway.

The five-day trial of former Hoyt resident Leon Holloway on child sex charges that stemmed from alleged incidents reportedly occurring between 2012 and 2015 ended in a hung jury in Jackson County District Court. Jackson County Attorney Shawna Miller said Holloway's case would be retried.

December

The Holton USD 336 Board of Education voted this month to re-finance the second half of general obligation bonds used to build the new Holton Elementary School. The bonds, totaling \$8.57 million, will be refinanced at a lower interest rate to save the district nearly \$800,000, it was noted.

The bond refinancing news was tempered by concerns over lead and copper levels in water at the new school, first identified in January and resulting in a letter to parents and patrons explaining the district's plan to eliminate the problem. Bottled water is being used for consumption and cooking while school officials work to resolve the problem.

Patrick W. Miller of Holton

was arrested on multiple charges following an early Dec. 4 armed standoff at a Holton residence in which Miller reportedly opened fire on law enforcement, who reportedly fired back. Miller's list of charges in the incident included three counts of attempted capital murder.

Netawaka resident Catherine Duncan died from severe burns received in a Dec. 8 kitchen accident, it was reported. Duncan, found by sheriff's officers in response to a 911 call after she reportedly caught fire when open flames on a cooking stove that was apparently being used to heat her residence ignited her clothes, was taken to a Kansas City hospital where she later died.

The triple-fatality accident that claimed the lives of three members of a Sabetha family has prompted former Sabetha resident Janie Murk to organize an online petition to get state officials to widen U.S. Highway 75 north of Holton. Murk's goal of 10,000 signatures was reached shortly before the end of the month.

Trees planted roughly 25 years ago to beautify Holton's Town Square have begun to cause problems with sidewalks on the Square, particularly on the north side, the Holton City Commission was told. One proposed solution could involve federal funds in removing problematic trees and repairing sidewalks, but business owners around the Square will likely be asked for input into that solution.

Holton resident George Fleshman was convicted by a Jackson County District Court jury on a charge of second-degree murder following a four-day trial in which jurors heard details about the investigation into the death of Fleshman's wife in October of 2015. Fleshman, who had been free on bond, is currently in jail awaiting sentencing on Jan. 12.

Public Notice

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BEFORE THE JACKSON PLANNING COMMISSION

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL PARTIES CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that the Jackson County Planning Commission will meet at 7 p.m. on the 8th day of February 2018 at the Jackson County Courthouse located at 400 New York Ave., Holton, Kansas. The following application will be discussed.

Application filed by Jackson Farmers Inc., requesting a

Change of Zoning to A-2 Commercial Agricultural District on the following described Property:

Approximately 16.67 acres surrounding the existing parcel located in Section 8, Township 7, Range 16, Beginning 67.40 South, Ne/c Ne/4 South 500 feet, West 600.03 feet, N 503.37, East 356.69, E 243.31 to POB.

Also known as 16745 K-116 Hwy, Holton, KS 66436.

The public is invited to the hearing to express their opinion on the application.

Jason Claycamp
Zoning Administrator
Jackson County, Kansas
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Public Notice

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY, KANSAS (Petition Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)

In the Matter of the Estate of Jeane K. Carter, Deceased

No. 2018-PR-11

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on the 2nd day of January, 2018, a Petition for Issuance of Letters of Administration Under the Kansas Simplified Estates Act, was filed in this Court by Blaine A. Carter, heir of Jeane K. Carter, de-

ceased.

All creditors of the decedent are notified to exhibit their demands against the Estate within the latter of four months from the date of the first publication of notice under K.S.A. 59-2236 and amendments thereto, or if the identity of the creditor is known or reasonably ascertainable, 30 days after actual notice was given as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

Blaine A. Carter, Petitioner

Submitted and Approved By: Dennis A. White, #12108 White Law Office 120 West 5th Street, P.O. Box 445 Holton, Kansas 66436 785-364-3971 Attorney for Petitioner

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Sandwich Shoppe...

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"I love to serve others, and I tell everyone now that I get to serve people in every aspect of their life - whether you're sick or hungry," she said.

Since becoming owner of the business, Merriman has expanded the shop's hours to include Saturday. The shop is open from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

"Everything else is staying the same," she said. "I love the idea of changing the sandwich menu once a month to give people the opportunity to try all the sandwiches."

During the month of January, featured sandwiches will include

a tomato avocado panini, a burger on a potato bun, a bagel with ham or turkey, a tuna salad sandwich and a French toast peanut butter and jelly sandwich.

Merriman also offers a kid's menu of peanut butter and jelly or a grilled cheese sandwich.

Besides sandwiches, homemade soups and salads are also available.

"Adam gave me some recipes, as well as the recipe for his famous chip dip," she said. "I love to cook and bake, and I never thought I would be doing it at my own shop. It's been really fun and a smooth transition so far."

This winter, Merriman said that

some remodeling will occur at the business in order to match the interior look of The Hotspot coffee shop, which opened next door in the fall. The two businesses are connected by an open doorway.

With the addition of the coffee shop in 2017, 5th Street Sandwich Shoppe began offering breakfast items in the mornings, which Merriman is continuing.

"We offer biscuits and gravy, breakfast burritos, quiche, bagels and some mornings we'll do muffins," she said.

For more information, call 5th Street Sandwich Shoppe at (785) 362-7045.

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NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL PARTIES CONCERNED:

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Application filed by Hoyt America Inc., requesting a Change of Zoning to B-4 Highway Service District on a portion of the following described Property:

The Southwest Quarter of Section 23, Township 9 South, Range 15 East of the 6th P.M. Excepting there from the East 53 Acres and the existing Highway Rights of Way, Jackson County, Kansas.

The public is invited to the hearing to express their opinion on the application.

Jason Claycamp
Zoning Administrator
Jackson County, Kansas

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STATEMENT OF NONDISCRIMINATION

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE INTEREST OF:

Name: Kyle Cruz
Year of Birth: 2011
A female
Case No. 2017-JC-38

Name: Leonel Cruz
Year of Birth: 2014
A male
Case No. 2017-JC-39

TO: Leonel Cruz and all other persons who are or may be concerned

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in this court alleging that the child named above is a Child in Need of Care. The Court may find that the parents are unfit by reason or conduct or condition which renders the parents unable to care properly for a child, the conduct or condition is unlikely to change in the foreseeable future, the parental rights of the

parent should be terminated, and a permanent custodian should be appointed for the child.

A hearing on the petition is scheduled for the 15th day of February, 2018, at 9:30 a.m. At the hearing the Court may issue orders relating to the care, custody and control of the child. The hearing will determine if the parents should be deprived of their parental rights and the right to custody of the child.

The parent(s), and any other person having legal custody are required to appear before this Court on the date and time shown, or to file your written response to the petition with the Clerk of the District Court prior to that time. Failure to respond or to appear before the Court at the time shown will not prevent the Court from entering judgment as requested in the petition, finding that the child is a Child in Need of Care, removing the child from the custody of parent, parents or any other present legal custodian until further order of the Court, or finding the parents

unfit, and entering an order permanently terminating the parents' parental rights.

An attorney has been appointed as guardian *ad litem* for the child: Alex Morrissey, PO Box 333, Holton KS 66436. You have the right to appear before the Court and be heard personally, either with or without an attorney. The Court will appoint an attorney for any parent who desires an attorney but is financially unable to hire one. The Court may order one or both parents to pay child support. An attorney has been appointed for you: Darla Ottensmeier, 13827 70th Rd., Oskaloosa, Kansas 66066.

Date and time of hearing: February 15, 2018, at 9:30 a.m.

Place of hearing: Jackson County Courthouse, 3rd Floor, Holton, Jackson County, Kansas 66436

s/ Judge Dennis Reiling
Clerk/Judge of the District Court

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Employment



Sabetha, KS

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Sabetha, KS 66534
Or e-mail resume to:
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Employment

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- High School Diploma or GED

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